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WASHINGTON THIRD IN U.S. IN WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION FOR 2005; UNITED STATES PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT FROM 2004

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 10, 2005-- Based on June 1 conditions, **Washington's** 2005 winter wheat crop is expected to total 127.7 million bushels. Only Kansas, with 384.0 million bushels, and Oklahoma, with 146.2 million bushels, are expecting larger crops. Washington growers are expected to harvest 1.85 million acres, up 100,000 acres from last year and average 69.0 bushels per acre, an increase of 2 bushels per acre from the 2004 crop. This yield rose 1 bushel from the May 1 forecast.

The Pacific Northwest received much needed rainfall during May, improving yield prospects. Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in Washington are well above average and last year's final counts.

"May rain State-wide gave crops a good boost. Warmer temperatures are now needed to accelerate growth," according to Joe Parsons, Acting Director for the Washington Agricultural Statistics Service.

Despite a drop in yield from 2004, **Oregon's** winter wheat production in 2005 is estimated at 48.7 million bushels compared with 47.6 million bushels in 2004. Harvested acres increased from 780,000 acres in 2004 to 840,000 acres, however, yields dipped 3 bushels per acre to 58.0 bushels. The yield increased to 3.0 bushels per acre from the May 1 forecast of 55.0 bushels per acre.

Idaho's winter wheat production, at 66.4 million bushels, is up from the 63.0 million bushels harvested last year. Area for harvest and yields have both increased from last year. Growers expect to harvest to 730,000 acres, 30,000 more acres than last year and yields are estimated at 91.0 bushels per acre from 90.0 bushels in 2004. The Idaho yield is now forecast at a record high level.

The **National** winter wheat crop is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the May 1 forecast but up 3 percent from 2004. Based on June 1 conditions, the U. S. yield is forecast at 44.1 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, unchanged from last month. As of May 29, heading had reached 81 percent in the 18 major States, equal to the 5-year average. Progress trailed the average during most of May due primarily to below average temperatures. Harvest was underway in the southern-most portions of the growing area.

Winter Wheat Harvested Acreage, Yield, and Production,
2003-2004, Forecasted June 1, 2005

State	Acres Harvested		Yield				Production		
	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005		2003	2004	2005
					May 1	Jun 1			
	1,000 Acres		Bushels/Acre				1,000 Bushels		
Washington	1,750	1,850	65	67	68	69	117,000	117,250	127,650
Oregon	780	840	51	61	55	58	47,940	47,580	48,720
Idaho	700	730	80	90	90	91	57,600	63,000	66,430
Pacific NW	3,230	3,420	64.3	70.5	69.5	71.0	222,540	227,830	242,800
Kansas	8,500	9,600	48	37	44	40	480,000	314,500	384,000
Oklahoma	4,700	4,300	39	35	34	34	179,400	164,500	146,200
Montana	1,630	2,050	37	41	41	41	67,340	66,830	84,050
Colorado	1,700	2,450	35	27	35	32	77,000	45,900	78,400
Ohio	890	810	68	62	66	68	68,000	55,180	55,080
Texas	3,500	3,500	28	31	30	30	96,600	108,500	105,000
Nebraska	1,650	1,700	46	37	45	43	83,720	61,050	73,100
10 States	25,800	27,830	45.0	40.5	43.5	42.0	1,274,600	1,044,290	1,168,630
U.S. Total	34,462	35,069	46.7	43.5	45.4	44.1	1,716,721	1,499,434	1,545,971

Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 2003-2005 1/ 2/

Year	Winter					Spring					
	Hard Red	Soft Red	Hard White 3/	Soft White 3/	All White	Hard Red	Hard White 3/	Soft White 3/	All White	Durum	Total
	1,000 Bushels										
2003	1,070,996	380,435			265,290	499,674			31,728	96,637	2,344,760
2004	856,211	380,305			262,918	525,467			43,451	89,893	2,158,245
2005	960,275	301,165	28,631	255,900	284,531						

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available data including both survey and administrative data. The previous end-of-season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season, except for States where updated information is available.
2/ Spring production by class and total production will be published in “Crop Production” released July 12, 2005.
3/ Individual Hard White and Soft White estimates are not available prior to 2005.

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